Low Offtake of Foodgrains from PDS

5251. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether foodgrains offtake from the revamped public distribution system recorded a very low percentage last year;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether this shows erratic nature of supply network;

(d) if so, whether Government expressed its concern during the recent meeting of the food and civil supply secretaries of the State Government;

(e) if so, whether the States were asked to streamline the supply and distribution;

(f) if so, what are the other suggestions made by the Ministry to the State Government in this regard; and

(g) what are the efforts made by State Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) The offtake of foodgrains as a percentage of allocation made by States/UTs under Revamped Public Distribution System was 83.3% during the period April, 93 to February, 94, which is higher than the percentage of off-take in non-RPDS areas, during the same period.

(d) to (g) The Central Government has been emphasising the need for increasing the allocations to the RPDS areas by the State Governments and UT Administrations. This issue as well as the measures taken by the States/UTs. for strengthening and streamlines the infrastructure and supply arrangements in the Revamped PDS areas are reviewed regularly in meetings with the State Ministers and Secretaries incharge of Food and Civil Supplies. State Governments have been advised to improve offtake performance by State agencies and increase the availability of foodgrains under PDS including RPDS areas. State Governments/UT Administrations have reported that a number of measures such as opening of additional fair price shops, issue of ration cards to families who were not covered earlier, hiring/construction of godowns and introduction of doorstep delivery of PDS commodities to the fair price shops have been taken in the RPDS areas.

साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड द्वारा विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए अधिगृहीत की गई भूमि

5252. श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन व्यक्तियों के नामों का परियोजनावार ब्यौरा तथा संख्या क्या है जिनकी जमीन साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड ने मध्य प्रदेश के बिलासपुर जिले में कोरबा पूर्व और कोरबा पश्चिम में 1 जनवरी, 1994 तक विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए अधिगृहीत की है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि जिन व्यक्तियों की जमीनें परियोजनाओं के लिए अधिगृहीत की गई हैं उन्हें उन परियोजनाओं में नौकरी देने का आश्वासन दिया है,

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसे विस्थापित व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें उक्त विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के अधीन नौकरी दी गई है; और